

*Loan for the State.*

204. MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether they propose to raise any loan by means of debenture bonds or otherwise;

(b) if so, whether they propose to raise the same from inside the State or outside; and

(c) whether they propose to take any loan from any temples in the State?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*):

(a) Government have already obtained a loan of B. Rs 10 lakhs from the private funds of His Highness the Maha Raja.

(b) and (c). The questions do not arise, in view of the answer to part (a).

*Appointment of Honorary Medical Officers.*

205. MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether they are aware that the Madras Government appointed a committee to consider the question of revising the rules relating to Honorary Medical Officers and certain other matters; and

(b) whether they are aware that the committee so appointed unanimously resolved that the designation "Honorary Sub-Assistant Surgeon" be discontinued and that the holders of the L. M. P. qualification should be eligible for the same appointment and nomenclature as graduates in medicine?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): In regard to the answer to part. (b), may I know whether Government have considered the question of appointing Honorary Medical Officers?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): The question was answered last time when it was raised by the member in October 1931.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): May I know what stands in the way of Government giving effect to this proposal at present?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Government are not satisfied as to the necessity for the introduction of the system of Honorary Assistant Surgeons at present.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): My question is what prevents Government from giving effect to the scheme at present.

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): There is, in the State, a large number of well-equipped hospitals with qualified staff and Government medical officers. Therefore, Government do not consider that the people now stand in need of any Honorary Surgeons.